

5 September 1974

Professor Gerard F. Rutan
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Dear Professor Rutan,

Mr. Colby referred your letter of 22 July to me for a response. I am sorry to be so tardy in replying, but I have been travelling and I have also wanted to give your request a thorough check within the Agency.

Unfortunately, at the moment there is no program at CIA which parallels the State Department's Scholar-Diplomat Seminar. Nonetheless, your request coincides with a general concern of ours that too little is understood about intelligence and its role in our society. As a consequence of our concern, we have begun to experiment with a few ideas about ways to share information about the intelligence function of the government. If these work out, I am certain you will be interested. There might even be a future opportunity for study along the lines you suggested.

For now, however, we must put you off. I am sure that you can appreciate our ambivalence about "going public" even to a limited degree, after so many years of silence. Let me promise to keep your letter on file against the day when an opportunity for you to study intelligence may present itself. In the meantime, if it would be useful as part of one of your courses we might be able to send you a guest speaker from CIA.

Thank you for your interest.


DD/I Coordinator for Academic Relations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

[redacted] has prepared the attached response wearing his CAR hat. "Basic" is also attached (note DCI's view).

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[redacted] says he'll volunteer if Panton wants a speaker!

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Good response

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22 July 1974

Mr. William Colby
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

In the spring of 1972 I was honored to take part in the U.S. Department of State "Scholar-Diplomat Seminar". This program, as you no doubt know, brings to the State Department university types from across the nation for a chance to see the Department in operation and to meet with personnel from State. Also, the academic participants work upon the regional or country desk of their choice. Security is preserved, but the visiting academics do get a chance to see diplomacy in action and to gain new and hopefully more realistic insights into foreign policy making and execution.

I write you today to find out if it is possible for an academic such as myself, with a scholarly interest in the intelligence community, to visit the Central Intelligence Agency and to serve for a short period in some program such as that operated by the Department of State. Naturally, all expenses involved will be borne by my institution and/or myself.

The benefits of a visitation program for academics are many, and I feel that an opportunity for someone such as myself to visit and (within bounds) to observe will be of prime benefit to the students in my courses upon the intelligence community, to myself as a scholar, and perhaps even to the Agency. Both in my lectures and in my writing I would like to present a balanced and fair picture of the purpose and function of the Agency. I have found that this is best accomplished through first-hand experience--that completely vicarious learning is not really enough to offer one's students and others an understanding of the vital role of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I do not know if the CIA at present engages in any academic visitation program, either for groups or individuals. However, I would appreciate very much the chance to visit the Agency and to learn whatever I may for the benefit of my students and my own work. If such a short term visit is possible, or if any other method for contact with the Agency can be arranged, I certainly will take advantage of it.

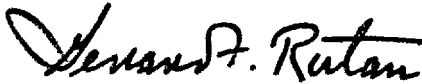
Mr. William Golby

22 July 1974

If a visit can be arranged I will gladly supply any information regarding myself and my activities the Agency may request.

Thanking you for your consideration of my letter, and looking forward to your reply, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Gerard F. Rutan
Department Chairman
Associate Professor

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MEMORANDUM FOR: *Mr. Proctor* *Suspense* *22 Aug*

TDYs of academics with the Agency. Why not?

Suggest asking to draft a reply to the Director, after checking with Security on the clearance problem. *OK*

I don't like the DCI's instructions; I would recommend we offer to send some one out to speak, *29 July 74* *(DATE)*

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